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Plan on "An Evening in 1903" in Dunbar Library on October 25

The University Libraries with the support of its Friends and the Wright State University Foundation invite the public to step back in time to 1903 on Saturday, October 25. Spot-lighting this pivotal year in American invention and innovation, a unique event celebrating the entertainments and accomplishments of the era will be held in the Paul Laurence Dunbar Library.

"An Evening in 1903" is held in conjunction with the Heritage Societies donor recognition event, which precedes the 1903 entertainment. Under the full-scale replica of the 1903 Wright Flyer hanging in the atrium, entertainment will range from barber-shop quartets and ragtime piano to silent pictures, and an auction of items relating to the 1903 theme.

The Wright Family will serve as Honorary Chairs of the event. The Host Committee consists of Phyllis Heck, Virginia Hess, Alice Saidel, Valerie

Underwood, and James Thomas Young.

"An Evening in 1903" is a way for the University Libraries to welcome the community into its facilities to experience its space and varied collections. Drawing more Friends and others to the Libraries will help to maintain and increase collections, resources and services. This benefits the students, faculty, staff and community members who rely on the University Libraries for their academic, professional and personal research and educational projects.

Sponsorships of the event are sought at \$1,000, \$2,500, and \$5,000 levels. Sponsors will receive tickets and be named in the program. Please note the fair market value of each ticket is \$50 per person; the remainder is a tax-deductible contribution.

Anyone interested in sponsoring this event or acquiring more information may contact Karin Nevius at (937) 775-2686 or karin.nevius@wright.edu.



"An Evening in 1903" will be Saturday, October 25, 2003, in the Paul Laurence Dunbar Library.

A Note from the University Librarian Dr. Stephen P. Foster



This column is an occasion to mention the good things going on within the University Libraries. In the past six months, the Libraries hosted Dr. Mary Anne Frey who informed us of NASA's contribution to innovations in medicine, Jon Rodriguez who

reminisced about the history of dance in Dayton, and the venerable Dr. Tom Crouch who helped us to learn about the history of early flight. These informative and entertaining events transpired as the result of the active sponsorship of the Friends of the Libraries and form the beginnings of an annual program to feature the Wright State University Libraries as a cultural center of the campus.

The Libraries are also improving their look. Renovations being completed on the fourth floor of Dunbar Library will make that area a more comfortable, inviting and even compelling place to study. It is particularly important to me that students who come to Wright State University discover that the Libraries mightily contribute to their academic success. For students to make that discovery, the library must be a welcoming place.

Our fine library staff makes the Libraries a success, and in the last six months three people have joined us bringing an array of talents, expertise and experience. Toni Jeski, an archivist in Special Collections & Archives, arrived in February from the University of Texas at San Antonio. In June, Alison Aldrich joined the Fordham Library as a Health Sciences Librarian having just completed her studies at the University of Michigan. In July, Piper Martin came from the University of Mississippi to become a member of the Dunbar Reference Department. Both Alison and Piper are members of the Libraries' Web Team.

In short, there are many good people making good things happen at the Libraries. I look forward to the year ahead and welcome everyone to visit the Libraries to see for themselves everything we have to offer.

Music Library Collection Moves to Dunbar Library

The Music Library was integrated into the Paul Laurence Dunbar Library in June. The move from the Creative Arts Center allows for greater access to the Music Collection with Dunbar's open hours.

The new locations have been updated in the online catalog:

- Compact discs, long-play records and cassette sound recordings are now located in the Current Periodicals/Media/Music area on the second floor.
- Music Reference materials are filed by call number with the Dunbar Reference materials on the second floor.
- Scores, Collected Scores and Mini-scores are filed by call number in the center section of the third floor.
- Oversize Music materials are with the Oversize collection on the south end of the third floor.
- Other music books are filed by call number on the third floor.

Patrons wanting to copy music performance tapes may obtain the tapes from Special Collections and Archives on the fourth floor. Future performances and copying will be managed by the Music Department and the Center for Teaching and Learning.

Music Librarian Martin Jenkins remains liaison to the Music Department. His title change to Electronic Resources Librarian reflects his additional responsibilities with the Web Team that manages the Libraries' website.



Volunteer Reaches Silver Anniversary with Archives

Lenna "Lenny" Wallace marked her 25th anniversary as a volunteer for the Special Collections and Archives on June 10. An avid genealogist, she began volunteering with the Archives by indexing the Archives' records.

Her favorite duty was working one-on-one with researchers conducting genealogy searches. Now she's organizing the photographs and files within the Wright Brothers Collection. When not at the Archives, she has also volunteered at other organizations including the Miami Valley Hospital.



Libraries' Staff Tops in 2003 Campaign Donations

Ninety-three percent of the Libraries' staff contributed to the Campus Scholarship & Innovation Campaign that took place April to June. Senior Library Technical Assistant Diana Kaylor and Library Associate Mary Healea teamed to coordinate the Libraries' campaign. Their hard work resulted in the Libraries earning the second highest unit participation rate on campus.

In the last 25 years, WSU faculty, staff, and retirees have contributed \$2.5 million to support university scholarships and programs providing financial assistance to almost 2,500 students.

Many of the Libraries' staff contributions went to the Library Student Assistant Awards. This program relies not only on staff contributions but the matching support from the Friends of the Libraries. Donations are also received from Friends' members and other WSU faculty and staff.

There have been 141 Library Student Assistant Awards

presented since the program began in Fall 1995, surpassing \$56,000.

A full dozen students benefitted from the Library Student Assistant Awards for Winter and Spring quarters.

Winter Quarter recipients on March 4 were:

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| •Jennifer Anson | •Daniel Pettee |
| •Katherine Borchers | •Elizabeth Schroeder |
| •Adam Grubb | •Brittany Seaman |

Spring Quarter recipients on May 23 were:

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| •Katherine Borchers | •Tamra McCleskey |
| •Sarah Gromek | •Elizabeth Shroeder |
| •Aaron Kurtz | •Toni Wilson |

To donate to or to receive additional information about this program, please contact Karin Nevius at (937) 775-2686 or karin.nevius@wright.edu.



Receiving Winter Quarter 2003 Library Student Assistant Awards on March 4 were (from left) Katherine Borchers, Brittany Seaman, Adam Grubb, Elizabeth Schroeder, Daniel Pettee, and Jennifer Anson.



Receiving Spring Quarter 2003 Library Student Assistant Awards on May 23 were (from left) Aaron Kurtz, Sarah Gromek, Katherine Borchers, Toni Wilson, and Tamra McCleskey. Not pictured is Elizabeth Schroeder.

OhioLINK "Pick-Up" More Convenient Than Ever

OhioLINK patrons can now pick up requested materials at any other OhioLINK institution. As of July 1, WSU patrons placing OhioLINK requests will be asked to choose a pick-up institution (such as Akron, Bowling Green, Ohio State, etc.), and will then be asked to choose a specific pick-up location (various libraries associated with that institution).

This new feature will be especially useful to distance learners who may now have their OhioLINK requests delivered to an OhioLINK library near their home or work.

Information will be posted on the Libraries' website for WSU distance learners and about circulation policies for other OhioLINK institutions.

Astronaut Returns "First Flight" Photo from Space

Astronaut Jerry Ross, Colonel, U.S. Air Force (Retired), took a relic from the Special Collections and Archives into space in April 8, 2002. The original photograph of the Wright brothers' first flight was returned to Wright State University at a reception held July 17 in the Student Union.

The photograph orbited earth on the Space Shuttle *Atlantis* along with an artifact from the Dayton Aviation Heritage

National Historical Park. Colonel Ross presented a certificate of authenticity to President Kim Goldenberg and his mission shirt worn on *Atlantis* to General Charles Metcalf, Director of the U.S. Air Force Museum.

The flight photograph is back in the Special Collections and Archives' Wright Brothers Collection.

Tom Crouch Headlines Flight-Themed Luncheon



Dr. Tom Crouch signs his books for former Friends' president Jane Rininger.

Flyers claiming precedence over the Wright brothers were the topic of Dr. Tom Crouch's talk at the 24th annual Friends of the Libraries' luncheon held May 21 in the Ervin J. Nutter Center Berry Room. Dr. Crouch is Senior Curator of the Aeronautics Division at the National Air and Space Museum and author of several aviation books including *The Bishop's Boys: A Life of Wilbur and Orville Wright*.

Dr. Crouch addressed a full house about the Italian, Brazilian, American and other contenders to the first-in-flight title and their followers who continue to support the claims. He elicited laughter several times when quoting correspondence he has received and how his research has always proved the claims wrong.

Following his talk, Dr. Crouch signed copies of his books. This was his third appearance as speaker for a Friends of the Libraries.

Special Collections & Archives Has Award-Winning Staff

Special Collections and Archives have reaped rewards this spring. The group was named the Outstanding Unit for the 2003 WSU President's Award and will receive the award on September 17. The Outstanding Unit award goes to the department, division, or program that has established and maintained an environment of service, academic excellence, gender equity, and commitment to diversity.

On May 13, the Montgomery County Historical Society presented the staff with the Ionic Columns Heritage Award. This award recognizes the Archives for its preservation of local history collections.

The College of Liberal Arts' Department of History selected Dawne Dewey for its 2003 alumni award. Dewey earned her bachelor's degree in anthropology in 1980 and a master's degree in history in 1984.



Special Collections & Archives staff posing with the 2003 Montgomery County Historical Society's Ionic Columns Heritage Award are (from left) Bessie Schina, Toni Jeske, Dawne Dewey, Jane Wildermuth, and John Armstrong.



Patterson Poster Available at Libraries

Local aviation photographer Dan Patterson photographed this collage of 26 unique items from the Wright Brothers Collection and created an 18" x 24" poster available at the Libraries for \$20 plus tax.

Proceeds benefit the Special Collections and Archives. This poster is the first of what the Archives hopes becomes a series of posters highlighting its varied collections.

Friends' Lecture Introduces Josephine Schwarz Book



Jon Rodriguez entertained a crowd at the Dunbar Library with stories of Josephine & Hermene Schwarz to introduce the publication of the Josephine Schwarz Collection. The inventory listing contains several rare photographs.

Jon Rodriguez spoke to a crowd assembled on the Dunbar Library fourth floor on April 23 to introduce *Josephine Schwarz Papers: Ballet in Dayton*, the latest book published by the University Libraries.

As the second speaker in the new Friends of the Libraries' lecture series, Mr. Rodriguez presented a talk titled, "Dance in Dayton: The Influence of Josephine & Hermene Schwarz," to an appreciative audience containing many former

students and admirers of Miss Jo.

The book is an inventory listing of the Josephine Schwarz Collection and features 31 photographs of the dancer and her sister taken by noted Dayton photographer Jane Reece. Many of these photographs have never before been published. The book opens with a foreword written by *Dayton Daily News* Dance Critic Terry Morris followed by a brief biography detailing Miss Jo's ascent to performer and revered instructor.

The book was financed by a gift from Josephine Schwarz and her family. Proceeds from the book sales benefit projects in the Special Collections and Archives.

The book is available for \$15.00 at the University Libraries.

Staff News

University Records Manager **Bessie Schina** co-authored "University Archives and Records Programs in the United States and Canada" for publication in *Archival Issues* Vol. 27, No. 2, Fall 2003. Her partner on this article is Garron Wells, University Archivist for the University of Toronto Archives & Records Management Services.

Systems Librarian **Leigh French** presented "WebOPAC Page Editing and Design." at the Innovative Users Group Conference in San Jose, California, in April.

Web Coordinator **Brett Powers** published a review of "Presenter-to-Go" in the April 2003 issue of the *Journal of the Medical Library Association*.

Humanities Librarian **Charlotte Droll** was elected Secretary of the Literatures in English Section (LES) of the Association of College and Research Libraries for 2003-2004. Charlotte also spent the month of June studying Spanish in Spain through a Language Develop-

ment award from the University Center for International Education.

Dawne Dewey, Head of Special Collections & Archives, presented "Katharine Wright and the Wright Brothers Collection" at the Franklin Institute Festival of Flight in Philadelphia on March 21-22. She was named a lifetime member of the National Aviation Hall of Fame Board of Nominations, and co-edited an *Aviation Week* book titled, "I Could Not Have Expected A Warmer Welcome: Leon Bollee's Photographic Record of Wilbur Wright's Flights in France, 1908-1909."

Bette Sydelko, Head of Reference and Instruction for Fordham Library, is serving as chair for 2003-2004 on the Medical Informatics Section/Medical Libraries Association Career Development Jury, one of several award juries sponsored by the Grants and Scholarship Committee of the Medical Library Association.



Staff Changes

Hello

- ♦ **Alison Aldrich**, Health Sciences Librarian
- ♦ **Piper Martin**, Reference/ Web Team Librarian
- ♦ **Francesca Rubino**, Library Technical Assistant

Good-bye

- ♦ **Susan Ambrose**, Library Technical Assistant
- ♦ **Pam Bigus**, Database Maintenance/Documents Coord.
- ♦ **Carol Brown**, Assistant Head of Reference & Instruction

Changes

- ♦ **Martin Jenkins**, Electronic Resources Librarian (title change)
- ♦ **Richard Perry**, Library Technical Assistant (move to Technical Services)



-Legacy Book Program-

Winter/Spring/Summer Quarter Donations

The following books were purchased through the Legacy Book Program in Winter & Spring quarters 2003:

In honor of **Madalyn Rose Jenkins** -

- *Exploring Twentieth-Century Music: Tradition and Innovation*
- *Alan Lomax: Selected Writings, 1934-1997*

In honor of **the WSU Department of English Language & Literatures** -

- *Love, Sex, Intimacy and Friendship Between Men, 1550-1800*
- *Eighteenth-Century Fiction and the Law of Property*
- *Sexual Antipodes: Enlightenment, Globalization and Placing of Sex*

In memory of **Dr. Irving G. Loewit** -

- *Encyclopedia of Insects*
- *An Obsession with Butterflies: Our Long Love Affair with a Singular Insect*
- *What Good are Bugs? Insects in the Web of Life*

In memory of **Ann Rogers** -

- *Literacy Difficulties: Diagnosis and Instruction for Reading Specialists and Classroom Teachers, 2nd ed.*

In honor of **Roger and Mary Adkins Rollins** -

- *A Brief History of Heaven*

From the **Wright State University Retirees Association** -

- *Leonardo Da Vinci: Master Draftsman*

In honor of **the WSU Librarians** -

- *In the Stacks: Short Stories About Libraries and Librarians*
- *Learned Girls and Male Persuasion: Gender and Reading in Roman Love Elegy*
- *Curse of Eve, The Wound of the Hero: Blood, Gender, and Medieval Literature*
- *Incest and the English Novel, 1684-1814*

The Legacy Book Program is a way to honor a person or an event by adding to the Libraries' collections. Donation envelopes and brochures are available at the Paul Laurence Dunbar Library and the Fordham Health Sciences Library, or print a donation form from the Libraries' Ways to Give link at:

www.libraries.wright.edu

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Friends of the Libraries

The Friends of the Libraries support the University Libraries in its goals of promoting, maintaining and continually improving collections, resources, and services.

Membership benefits include WSU Libraries' borrowing privileges, invitations to all Libraries' activities including the quarterly lecture series and special events like "An Evening in 1903." Your membership benefits the Libraries by contributing to the long-term good the Libraries provide to students, faculty, staff and community members.

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